548 567 [145 cont.] jointly in case the father cannot be ascertained. Boys are often killed; girls, as a rule, are again sold as prostitutes (5).

5. Joest in Baessler, pp. 384 ff., 399.

●575 [171] Coote states that the club life of Santa Cruz seems to be very similar to that of the New Hebrides (6). In view of his

6. Coote, p. 154.

superficial knowledge, he could only have inferred this from the life in the bachelors' houses. Nothing of the well-developed club life of the Banks Islands and the New Hebrides is reported for Santa Cruz.[9] Nevertheless, masked dances and the accompanying secret societies do not seem entirely foreign to the group. At [535] any rate, a bark-cloth dance mask from Santa Cruz is [146] preserved in the ethnographic collection of the Geographisch-Ethnographischen Gesellschaft in Zurich (1), and a tradition of

1. Verbal communication from Director Foy.

773 Nukapu, one of the Reef Islands, tells of a woman who, during an attack by natives from Tongoa Island, disguised herself with coconut leaves to resemble a spirit and, using a sharp-edged triton shell, killed almost a hundred enemies, one by one, as they entered the spirit house (2).

2. O'Ferrall, p. 288.

574 609 Foreign guests are received in the bachelors' house on Vanikoro and the Reef Islands, probably everywhere. On Vanikoro they are sometimes offered betel as a gesture of wel- [262] come, but above all they are served cooked fish, taro, coconuts, and bananas wrapped in leaves. The chief provided food for the guests, and Gaimard, as an Ariki, always received twice as

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548 Nitendi (3), and are bought by a syndicate. A man may pay off
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3. [Speiser, Südsee, p. 302.]

the other joint-owners of the woman, whereupon she becomes his legitimate wife. The prostitutes grant their favors in the compartments that are to be found in the corners of the men's houses (4).

4. [Cf. above, pp. 50 f.]

[302] They usually wear their hair short and are smeared all over with Curcuma (5).

5. [Joest reports the latter; cf. Ethn., I, p. 87.]

● 515 There is no club life comparable, for example, to the suque of the Banks Islands; there is scarcely anything like a secret
[535] society, and masked dances certainly do not take place, for otherwise one would know something about them. The information on the origin of the mask in Zürich (6) is doubtful.

6. [Ethn., I, pp. 145 f.]

765 [On burial customs (7) it should be mentioned that

7. [Ethn., I, pp. 146 f. Speiser, Südsee, p. 295.]

friends and relatives gather to mourn; they expect to be reim-
766 bursed with food and money (8).] Whereas for an ordinary man
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8. [O'Ferrall, section "Round Houses." Coombe, p. 170.]

the funeral feast /204/ takes place after five days, for a "chief"

[i.e. - prostitutes - analyst]